

MONEY FIGHT



...I'VE WON THE
 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP
 TITLE FASTER THAN
 YOU.

AFTER WINNING
 MY ADVERTISED
 DEFENSE, I
 GOT UP THE
 JAPANESE TITLE.



...SORRY TO
 SAY, I'M GOING
 HAVE TO KICK
 YOUR BUTT!

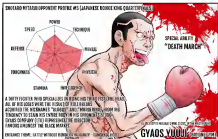
IT LOOKS LIKE
 YOU'RE TAKING
 ON THE WORLD
 TITLE FASTER
 THAN ME, BUT...

MY CONDOLENCES.



I'LL STRIKE
 HIM AGAIN
 FOR ANOTHER
 THREE MIN-
 UTES BEFORE
 I END THIS.

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Chapter Forty-One: Battle Prep

MIX UP





WHAT THE
HELL JUST
HAPPENED?

...
THERE
YOU GO!
A RETURN
LEFT
HOOK!

...BEING
LOOKED
DOWN ON
BY THIS
GUY?

WHY
AM I...

SHOTARO'S
REPLICA DON'T
MATTER!

GET HIM,
SHOTARO!
GOOOO!



SNAP

I JUST SCREWED
UP MYSTING
AND SLIPPED

I MISSED UP.

THAT
DIDN'T
HURT!



HE TOOK
A GOOD
AMOUNT OF
DAMAGE.



...ATS
FOOTING...S
GOTTEN A LOT
SHARPER!



THUD



EVER SINCE THE
ROUND BEGAN.

FWOO



BODY BLOWS
DEALT DURING A
CLINCH BOUT
NORMALLY LEAD
TO ANY REAL
POINTS OR
DAMAGE...

...NOT ONLY
COMMON SENSE
AND SENSE OF
HONOR...

AND FIGHTERS
WOULD LAND
THEir DOWN
THEir START...

I SEE!

AH!



...TO DEFEATING
KENO KANAYAN

CRACK

THIS IS IT!
THIS IS
THE KEY...

CRACK

SMASH

YOU GOTTA BE
ADDING AND
THAT DENSE
PUNCH...

BRUCE
2-1-10-0-0-0

LET
GO!

FROM
THE
4
TH

...WAS GOING
PEW AWAY
AT THE
WHOLE
TIME?

!

WOOSH!

THAT'S
WHAT
YOU
DO
WHEN
YOU
GET
A
PUNCH
OF
THAT
SIZE

FOOM



MY LEGS

BOOM

...WERE
ALREADY
BROKEN





THIS
TIME...

...I'LL FIGHT
YOU USING
MY OWN
STYLE.

LET'S
GO ONE
MORE
ROUND.



YAGU-
RUMA!

DON'T YOU
WANNA GO
ANOTHER
ROUND?
LET'S GO
ANOTHER
ROUND...

C'MON!

HOW
'BOUT IT,
MITARAI-
SAN?

IT'S
OVER,
YAGU-
RUMA.

THIS ISN'T MY
FULL STRENGTH!
I WOULDN'T WANT
YOU TO LEAVE
WITH THE IM-
PRESSION THAT
THIS IS ALL THE
NATIONAL CHAMP
IS CAPABLE OF!



ENOUGH,
YAGURUMA!
YOU LOOK
PATHETIC!







YOU HAVE MY
GRATITUDE.

BECAUSE
OF YOU, WE
CAN PRE-
PARE FOR
BATTLE.



THANK YOU...

THAT MEANS
YOU'RE GONNA
NEED SOME
STRONG LEGS
AND A
MOUNTAIN
OF STAMINA!

LISTEN UP!
YOU SHOULD
EXPECT TO GO
TO THE FINAL
ROUND IN
YOUR NEXT
MATCH!

DOOM

COMMENCE
THE
TRAINING
REGIMEN
FROM HELL!



HES BEEN HYPER
EVER SINCE MY
CRASHING LUNCH
WITHAPOORMAN

THEYRE
GOTTEN
LIVE FAST
SLEEP FAST





HE RAN INTO
SOME MONEY
TROUBLE
WITH LOCAL
SPONSORS IN
THE PAST.

AS FAR AS I
COULD TELLER,
HIS GYM IS ON
ITS THIRD
MORTGAGE AND
BUSINESS
ISN'T DOING
SO WELL.

SENTARŌ
TACHIBANA,
THE 34TH
JAPAN SHIN-
TAMMIGHT
CHAMPION.

SINCE OPENING
TACHIBANA GYM
AFTER HIS RETIRE-
MENT, HE'S TRAINED
A TOTAL OF SEVEN
NATIONAL CHAMPIONS
AND TWO ORIENTAL-
PACIFIC CHAMPS.



SHE HAS GOOD
GRADES, A knack
FOR SPORTS, LOTS
OF FRIENDS AND
IS WELL-LOVED
AROUND THE
NEIGHBOR-
HOOD.

KOHINA
TACHIBANA,
SENTARŌ'S
DAUGHTER.

THOUGH SHE HAS
BOYS FROM OTHER
SCHOOLS ASK HER
OUT ALL THE TIME,
SHE'S NEVER HAD
A BOYFRIEND.

SHE'S A JUNIOR AT
AMANOIWA HIGH
AND A MEMBER OF
THE ART CLUB, BUT
SHE MOSTLY WORKS
AS A TRAINER AT
THE GYM AFTER
SCHOOL.







THE NAME'S SOKKICHI TAKAKU.

I'VE ALREADY INJECTED SHOTARO MITARAI WITH A DEADLY VIRUS.

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HE'LL NEVER ENTER THE RING IN TOP CONDITION AGAIN.

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TO BE CONTINUED.

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